NOTES ON CE 2812

At first glance, this looks like just another of the many crazy leads that came in. It does, however, relate to one of our favorite groups of people (Cubans), and Ruby was in N.O. at various times, possibly July 1963. Moreover, the FBI investigation is so obviously bad that we should consider checking this out ourselves.

First, the FBI checked phone books and found that there was no telephone listed in the name of Luizza LNU or FNU Luizza at 150 East 35 St. The obvious next step was to go to that address and look for Luizza - as a resident with no phone, an employee, etc. Also, any FNU Luizza in the directories should have been checked, regardless of address. The confidential source probably could have given enough additional information to identify Luizza.

I'm curious about what kind of research organization Alliance, Inc. is. The FBI gives the phone number, but not the address - could it have been 150 East 35 St.? Maybe Luizza works there, but identifying Luizza is not that important. Quite possibly Alliance, Inc. could identify B. Artego from their records. (Or do they regularly get anonymous letters?)

I gather that Artego is not a common name. If that is the FBI's transcription of a signature, it could well be Ortega or Ortego. Also, "in an apt. 1A the 5th block" could well be "in an apt. in the 5th block."

Having passed up the promising leads, the FBI investigated in N.O. instead. There is no reason to suspect that Oswald, Ruby, or Artego were tenants in the St. Thomas project, and if there had been any meetings there I doubt that Oswald or Ruby would have signed the guest book or made themselves obvious to the staff.

Not only did the FBI not check the NO records for Ortega as well as Artego, they did not check such likely sources as INS, Cuban relief groups, etc.

Sylvia: could you check out Alliance, Inc.? The current phone book lists a couple of candidates, but none with the phone number given by the FBI. Is 150 East 35 St. a business or residence address?

Mary: could you and Arch check whatever 1962-4 N.O. directories you have for Artego/Ortega? Although the St. Thomas project presumably has a large turnover, any list of residents around 1963 might be useful. The latest phone book has a couple of B. Ortega's, but none on St. Mary's. Also, did any of the Cubans we know of have an address in this project?

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